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DEBRA CILAMAYO: The Deputy Director of the CIA, Admiral Bobby Inman, took Washington by surprise when he announced his resignation yesterday. Barry Schweid reports the announcement is puzzling.

BARRY SCHWEID: Why is Inman leaving? No one is really quite sure. White House officials say he simply decided to take a job in the business world. There was no fight, said one official. But in the intelligence community especially there is skepticism. According to some reports Inman was unhappy with a White House review of intelligence operations.

There is disappointment too among professionals who respect Inman's skills, and among those who were convinced he used his influence to restrain an expansion of CIA activities on the home front.

For National Public Radio, this Barry Schweid in Washington.

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